BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SYRINGA WIRELESS LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2)

CASE NO. SYR-T-08-01 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 30573

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 30, 2008, Syringa Wireless LLC filed an Application requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to Sections 214(e)(1)-(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934 as amended by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission is authorized to designate carriers as ETCs, and set forth requirements for designation in Order No. 29841 issued August 4, 2005 in Case No. WST-T-05-1. The Application states that Syringa Wireless is a commercial mobile radio service carrier providing mobile service as defined in the federal statute, and also provides intrastate telecommunications services. See 47 U.S.C. § 153(27) and 47 U.S.C. § 153(22). Syringa provides service in 17 counties in south and east Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Syringa's Application states that it satisfies all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for ETC designation. Syringa asserts that it will offer the services required for carriers to be eligible for federal Universal Service Funds, including voice grade access to the public switched telephone network, local calling, and access to emergency services and ability to remain functional in emergency situations. Syringa requests that it be designated as eligible to receive all available support from the federal Universal Service Fund including support for rural, insular and high-cost areas and low-income customers in geographic areas, and that it be approved to participate in the Lifeline program. Syringa's Application asserts that its designation as an ETC is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and that it is consistent with the purposes and fundamental goals of preserving and advancing universal service, ensuring the availability of quality telecommunications services at just, reasonable and affordable rates, and promoting the

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deployment of advanced telecommunications services to rural and high-cost areas. Syringa asserts that it satisfies the items considered by the Federal Communications Commission when analyzing the public interest benefits of an ETC application: (1) unique advantages and disadvantages of the competitor's service offering through a cost-benefit analysis, (2) potential for cream skimming, and (3) impact on the federal Universal Service Fund.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. SYR-T-08-01. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to Syringa's Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. SYR-T-08-01 is **Friday**, July 25, 2008.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the written positions before it. IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. SYR-T-08-01 should be mailed to the Commission and Syringa at the addresses reflected below.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 30573 All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Syringa at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting testimony have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices or on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room" and then "Telephone Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Syringa Wireless LLC for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than July 25, 2008.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11^{++} day of June 2008.

MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

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